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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

Liberty County has come a long way since being the first in Georgia to vote for independence. Today we are proud Americans who play on a world stage. Approximately 70 percent of our industry employment is tied to companies headquartered overseas. In addition, our existing industries are aggressive exporters, exporting to more than 70 countries throughout the world.

The Liberty County Development Authority works to ensure that companies here have the assets and tools they need to be successful in a global economy. That includes a top-tier communications system, and that is why we support the AT&T/T-Mobile merger (FCC Docket 11-65). This merger will help to widen the delivery of 4G LTE service to virtually every part of the country, which will make us more competitive on the world market.

Foreign companies are not limited to U.S. locations when they look to expand. If we do not encourage investment in our communications infrastructure, we will see these opportunities going elsewhere.

Better wireless Internet service will also benefit our own residents. There are hundreds if not thousands of healthcare and educational applications that will flow from this technology. We are just beginning to see medical monitoring from home, for instance, which will let patients leave hospitals sooner and minimize the need for doctor appointments. A few students have been involved in distance learning for years, but with full videoconferencing any student on a laptop can participate live with a class far away.

It is important that we have a good public-private partnership to advertise the benefits of Liberty County, and it is important that government regulatory agencies work with private enterprise to ensure that we get the best possible communications infrastructure we can. I hope you will support this merger in that spirit.

Respectfully yours,

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